

THE PATH FORWARD

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“We wish to plead our own cause. Too long have others spoken for us.”

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SEGREGATED SCHOOLS ARE INFERIOR

The "Freedom Stayout" is asking for better schools and integrated schools. We are asking the Boston School Committee to make a plan for integrating the schools and a timetable for doing it. A lot of people are asking why we think segregated schools are so important. "Isn't it enough," they ask, "if the Negro schools are just fixed up, and made better?" The answer is, "No, it is not enough." The Negro schools do need to be fixed up, some of them need to be built down and new ones built. They also need free children in each classroom, and more guidance, counseling, and less substitute teachers, and more special reading programs, and so on. We are asking the Boston School Committee and the committee that we've made in America,

but all that isn't enough. Why do we want the integrated schools? Because segregated schools are inferior schools. The facts have shown this to be true. Whenever the schools have been properly segregated, both Negro and white children have gotten better marks. Whenever they have not been integrated, Negro children continue to learn to believe that they are inferior. Even the chairman of the School Committee thinks so. He said recently, "We have no inferior schools in Boston, we just get more inferior children."



What can a man like that teach your child?

What does your child learn in Boston segregated schools? In a segregated school, the Negro child not only learns to think that he is inferior, he also is educated to "drop out" of school or to be unemployed, or to work at an unskilled job.

It is obvious that we can't expect any results from the same Boston School Committee that says our children are "inferior," or that we are "just a job of hands," or refuse to even admit the problem of segregation exists.

It is our children who are hurt. Therefore, we must take the necessary action to insure that they will get better schools and integrated schools.

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Send your child to Freedom School



“It is with no pleasure I have dipped my hands in the corruption here exposed. Somebody must show that the Afro-American race is more sinned against than sinning, and it seems to have fallen upon me to do so.”

Ida B. Wells, as published in the New York Age, 1892

The Negro Digs up His Past

By Arthur A. Schomburg, 1925

“The American Negro must remake his past in order to make his future. Though it is orthodox to think of America as the one country where it is unnecessary to have a past, what is a luxury for the nation as a whole becomes a prime social necessity for the Negro. For him, a group tradition must supply compensation for persecution, and pride of race the antidote for prejudice. History must restore what slavery took away, for it is the social damage of slavery that the present generations must repair and offset. So among the rising democratic millions we find the Negro thinking more collectively, more retrospectively than the rest, and apt out of the very pressure of the present to become the most enthusiastic antiquarian of them all.”



“I've always had the feeling that nothing is impossible if one applies a certain amount of energy in the right direction. If you want to do it, you can do it.”

— Nellie Bly



"If we had failed to pursue the facts as far as they led, we would have denied the public any knowledge of an unprecedented scheme of political surveillance and sabotage." ~ Katharine Graham



Bob Woodward & Carl Bernstein



THINGS YOU HAVE THE POWER TO DO RIGHT NOW

- *Ask yourself who you envision as consumers of the news you produce*
 - *Study the subject to develop personal expertise*
- *Avoid stereotypes, success “unicorns” & kitchen sink coverage*
 - *Resist conformity for the comfort of the majority*
 - *Frame the news from the perspective of the most marginalized*
 - *FOLLOW UP*

The logo consists of the letters 'BWU' in a bold, sans-serif font. The letter 'B' is pink, 'W' is purple, and 'U' is lime green. Each letter has a 3D effect with a shadow cast to the right and slightly downwards.

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